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therefore also includes the noted element lacking in Eisenbrey et al.. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejections of claims 2, 15 and 21 and their allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 3-14 and 16-20 are rejected as obvious over Sagawa et al. (EP 0,903,169) in view of Eisenbrey et al. under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicant herein respectfully traverses this rejection. For a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) to be sustained, the differences between the features of the combined references and the present invention must be obvious to one skilled in the art.

It is respectfully submitted that the proffered combination of references cannot render the rejected claims obvious (independent claims 16 and 20, claims 3-14 depending from independent claim 21, and claims 17-19 depending from independent claim 15) because the Sagawa et al. reference does not provide the teaching noted above with respect to the anticipation rejection that is absent from the Eisenbrey et al. reference. Thus, the combination of prior art references fails to teach or suggest all the claim limitations. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejections of claims 3-14 and 16-20 and their allowance are respectfully requested.

Nine (9) further claims in excess of twenty are added. Accordingly, please charge the fee of \$162 to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$110 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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